

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 17

Introduced by Senator La Malfa

February 24, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, as amended, La Malfa. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer impacts all Californians and has
2 touched the Senate of the State of California last year with the
3 passing of Senator Dave Cox after a 13-year battle with the disease;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
6 in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.
7 Approximately ~~217,730~~ 240,890 new cases of the disease in the
8 United States ~~were~~ are predicted for ~~2010~~ 2011, resulting in nearly
9 ~~32,050~~ 33,720 deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
11 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American
12 men are ~~50 percent~~ more likely to develop this disease than any
13 other group of men; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, approximately ~~20,120 men were~~
15 ~~25,030 men are~~ predicted to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in

1 ~~2010 2011~~ and each day more than ~~eight 11~~ California men will
2 die of this disease; and

3 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
4 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
5 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

6 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
7 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to ~~31 30~~
8 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

9 WHEREAS, A prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and
10 a digital rectal examination (DRE) diagnose most prostate cancers
11 before symptoms develop; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
13 health care providers offer the PSA and DRE ~~annually~~ to men who
14 have at least a 10-year life expectancy, beginning when the men
15 are 50 years of age; and

16 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who has
17 been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and
18 African American men should be offered a PSA and DRE ~~annually~~
19 beginning when they are 45 years of age; and

20 WHEREAS, Men who have multiple family members who have
21 been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age should
22 be offered a PSA and DRE ~~annually~~ beginning when they are 40
23 years of age; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
26 September 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State
27 of California and ~~that encourages~~ public officials and citizens of
28 California ~~are encouraged~~ to observe the month with appropriate
29 activities and programs; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
31 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early
32 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.